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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPOSAL HANDED OVER TO AMBASSADOR EARLE  
BY MINISTER SEMENOV IN PRIVATE MEETING 5/8/78  
(SALT TWO-1726)

OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL

- PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II OF THE TREATY

3. HEAVY BOMBERS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF  
BOMBERS:

(A) CURRENTLY, FOR THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS, TUPOLEV-95 AND MYASISHCHEV, AND FOR THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, B-52 AND B-1;

(B) IN THE FUTURE, TYPES OF BOMBERS WHICH CAN  
CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF A HEAVY BOMBER IN A MANNER  
SIMILAR OR SUPERIOR TO THAT OF BOMBERS LISTED IN SUB-  
PARAGRAPH (A) ABOVE;

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(C) TYPES OF BOMBERS EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES  
CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS;

(D) TYPES OF BOMBERS EQUIPPED FOR ASBMS.

INCLUSION OF NEW TYPES OF BOMBERS AS HEAVY BOMBERS  
PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (B), (C) AND (D) SHALL BE THE

SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

(FIRST) AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II OF THE TREATY

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE TERM "BOMBERS" IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY MEANS THOSE TYPES OF AIRPLANES SPECIALLY BUILT TO BE EQUIPPED FOR BOMBS OR MISSILES.

(SECOND) AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II OF THE TREATY

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE CRITERIA THEY SHALL USE TO MAKE CASE-BY-CASE DETERMINATIONS OF WHICH TYPES OF BOMBERS IN THE FUTURE CAN CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF A HEAVY BOMBER IN A MANNER SIMILAR OR SUPERIOR TO THAT OF CURRENT HEAVY BOMBERS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBPARAGRAPH 3 (B) OF ARTICLE II, SHALL BE AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

(THIRD) AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II OF THE TREATY

THE PARTIES, HAVING AGREED THAT EVERY BOMBER OF A TYPE INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II IS TO BE CONSIDERED A HEAVY BOMBER, FURTHER AGREE THAT:

(1) AIRPLANES WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD BE INCLUDED  
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AMONG BOMBERS OF A HEAVY BOMBER TYPE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE BOMBERS OF A HEAVY BOMBER TYPE IF THEY HAVE FUNCTIONALLY-RELATED OBSERVABLE DIFFERENCES WHICH INDICATED THAT THEY CANNOT PERFORM THE MISSION OF A HEAVY BOMBER;

(2) BOMBERS WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD BE INCLUDED  
AMONG BOMBERS OF A TYPE EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE BOMBERS OF A TYPE EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS IF THEY HAVE FUNCTIONALLY-RELATED OBSERVABLE DIFFERENCES WHICH INDICATE THAT THEY CANNOT PERFORM THE MISSION OF BOMBERS EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS;

(3) BOMBERS WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD BE INCLUDED  
AMONG BOMBERS OF A TYPE EQUIPPED FOR ASBMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE BOMBERS OF A TYPE EQUIPPED FOR ASBMS IF THEY HAVE FUNCTIONALLY-RELATED OBSERVABLE DIFFERENCES WHICH INDICATE THAT THEY CANNOT PERFORM THE MISSION OF BOMBERS EQUIPPED FOR ASBMS.

(FOURTH) AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II OF

THE TREATY

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT SOVIET TUPOLEV-142 ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE AIRPLANES, AND TANKER AIRPLANES DEVELOPED ON THE BASIS OF MYASISHCHEV TYPE HEAVY BOMBERS ARE NOT INCLUDED AMONG HEAVY BOMBERS AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II.

(FIFTH) AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II OF

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THE PARTIES AGREE THAT CURRENT BOMBERS OF A TYPE EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS MUST HAVE EXTERNALLY OBSERVABLE FEATURES WHICH DISTINGUISH THEM FROM SIMILAR BOMBERS OF A TYPE NOT EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS AND NOT SUBJECT TO BEING COUNTED WITHIN THE AGGREGATE NUMBER PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE V OF THE TREATY. EARLE

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